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**MAIN PATENT**

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**Dispenser for serviettes**

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The present invention relates to a dispenser for serviettes, in which a receiving container for a stack of serviettes piled one on another has in the lid a withdrawal opening for removal of the top serviette and spring means are provided, by which the stack is pushed toward the lid. This dispenser can be placed on the table in restaurants, for example, so that the guests can help themselves to serviettes as required.

An illustrative embodiment of the subject of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a dispenser for serviettes, and

Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal section through the same.

A lid 2 is articulated on the box 1, which is made of plastic for example, by means of a spindle 3. On the opposite side of the lid 2, for closing the same, a leaf spring 4 is attached, on which a pin 5 is fixed, which engages in a hole 6 of the box 1 when the lid 2 is closed. The lid 2 has a withdrawal opening 7, along one edge of which the wall of the lid is bent downward at an angle at 8. Present in the interior of the box 1 is a support plate 9, which has two laterally projecting pegs 10 which engage in vertical guide grooves 11 of the box inner wall, so that the support plate 9 is vertically displaceable. Present between the support plate 9 and the box bottom is a compression spring 12, which at one end engages in a recess 13 of the bottom and at the other end surrounds a disk-shaped projection 14 on the lower side of the plate 9. On the upper side, the support plate 9 is provided with a domed portion 15, and 16 is the stack of paper serviettes, which lies between the support plate 9 and the lid 2. The serviettes 16 are laid one on top of another in such a way that, owing to the domed portion 15 and the downwardly bent wall 8 of the lid, in each case the edge to be taken hold of of the top serviette is forced out through the withdrawal opening 7, so that the top serviette

can in each case be removed easily.

#### PATENT CLAIM

Dispenser for serviettes, wherein a receiving container for a stack of serviettes piled one on another has in the lid a withdrawal opening for removal of the top serviette, and wherein spring means are provided, by which the stack is pushed toward the lid.

#### SUBCLAIMS

1. Dispenser as claimed in the patent claim, wherein a support plate for the serviette stack is guided displaceably in the container, and wherein a spring, which tends to push the support plate toward the lid, is provided between this support plate and the container bottom.

2. Dispenser as claimed in the patent claim and subclaim 1, wherein the support plate has a domed portion below the withdrawal opening of the lid and one side edge of the withdrawal opening is bent downward, so that the edge to be taken hold of of the top serviette is forced outward through the withdrawal opening for the purpose of ease of taking hold.

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